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WA Makes Eighteen Quilts

CROSSFIELD—The Crossfield United Church WA and sewing group quilted and hemmed a complete quilt on Friday last in the church parlor. Mrs. Belshaw and Mrs. Richardson are very hard-workers and usually have the quilt assembled ready for quilters. This makes almost 1½ dozen Red Cross quilts since the beginning of the year, which speaks very well for this busy group.

Beiseker News Briefs

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wug and family and Mr. and Mrs. D. Rempel of Claresholm were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Rempel.

Miss Pearl Weisgerber was a week-end visitor at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weisgerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Val Schmaltz spent the week-end in Calgary with Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schmaltz.

Mrs. W. Rempel entertained at a kitchen shower on Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Dorothy Campbell, bride-elect of Wednesday, May 14. Many beautiful gifts were presented to the guest of honor by Mrs. W. Rempel on behalf of those present.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Brosteau entertained at a family dinner on Sunday. Turkey with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all the family. Present were Mrs. W. Harben, mother of Mrs. Brosteau; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Buker and daughter, Valerie; Mr. and Mrs. J. Bilogier all of Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, Bowness; Mr. and Mrs. R. Kostrosky and daughter, Ethel; Mr. and Mrs. A. Kostrosky of Acme, Mr. Harry Arnold of Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Little and children were Beiseker visitors on Sunday.

Miss Margaret and Marie Hagel were week-end visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hagel.

Miss Helen Hagel spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hagel.

Mr. Leonard Schmaltz was a week-end visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schmaltz.

Miss Bernice and Joyce Verhaest were week-end visitors at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Verhaest.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Verhaest and Mrs. A. Schwatzenberger motored to Rockyford on Sunday.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Fleming wish to thank their many friends for their acts of kindness, beautiful flowers, cards, letters, and all those who called personally and those who made enquiries during Mrs. Fleming's illness.

Sam G. Fleming.



Mr. and Mrs. William Colin Churchill

Couple Married In St. Anthony's Church

DRUMHELLER — Of interest to residents of Morrin and Sunbeam was the recent wedding ceremony solemnized at St. Anthony's Church, Drumheller, when Anita Grace, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cuncannon, became the bride of Colin William Churchill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Churchill of Winchester, Ontario.

Rev. Father Molner officiated at the ceremony before an altar arrayed with lilies, tulips and daffodils.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a floor-length gown of white bridal satin, having inserts of Chantilly lace and featuring an embroidered net yoke and lily point sleeves. Matching satin created her Juliet cap which held in place her finger-tip veil of embroidered net. She carried a bouquet of tea roses.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was Miss Irene Reader of Calgary, and Mrs. Robert Conlin of Three Hills was bridesmaid. Both were in matched gowns of pale blue frosted organdy over blue taffeta with matching mitts, and headdress of blue net and pink flowers. Both carried colonial bouquets of pink carnations centred with purple iris.

The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Robert Cuncannon and Mr. Cliff Ayres of Calgary. The guests were ushered in by Mr. Vernon Cuncannon and Mr. Bruce Patterson.

During the nuptial mass, Mrs. Leonard Doyle of Calgary sang "Ave Maria", "Oh Lord I Am Not Worthy", and "Panis Angelicus", accompanied by Miss Helen Keil.

Following the ceremony a reception for eighty guests was held in St. Anthony's parish hall.

Tree Planting Demonstration Well Attended

BEISEKER — A tree planting demonstration with a tree planting machine by T. F. Parkinson from the Alberta Department of Agriculture, was held on Saturday, May 10, on the farm of Matt Schmaltz. Considering the busy time, with combining and seeding, this demonstration was well attended by farmers of the district. About 4,000 caragana and green ash trees were planted in two hours. They are planted about 125 feet in from the fence on the north side of the Schmaltz farm. These will act as a snow fence to keep the snow on the land where it will do the most good instead of blocking the roads. Everyone was well pleased with the work of the machine.

It is understood the Knee Hill Municipality is planning to buy one of these machines for tree planting next spring if enough farmers will apply for trees. These trees can be obtained from the Provincial or Dominion Department.

Funeral Services Held For H. Bennett

BEISEKER — Funeral services took place on Thursday in Zion United Church, Beiseker, for Henry Bennett, a resident of this district for many years. Mr. Bennett died suddenly at his home on Monday morning, May 5, at the age of 62. Rev. Karpoff, assisted by Rev. Huer, conducted the services.

Born in North Dakota, Mr. Bennett farmed in the Beiseker district since 1908, and was well known around the country. Surviving are his wife Christina, two daughters, Mrs. Gus Martin of Rosebud, Mrs. Ruben Heine Lyalta, two sons, Walter of Keoma, Albert of Beiseker; four brothers, Golliet and William of Beiseker, Peter of Three Hills and George of Linton N.D., three sisters, Mrs. Eva Arhorn, New Westminster, B.C., Mrs. Katherine Dolinger, North Dakota, and Mrs. Bertha Metzger of Beiseker, and two grand children. Burial was in the Beiseker cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Cuncannon received with the wedding party. The bride's table was centered with a tiered wedding cake flanked by pink tapers.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Cuncannon chose rosewood silk with navy accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds.

Father Molner proposed the bridal toast, to which the groom responded.

Miss Melva Anderson sang "Until", Mrs. S. Doyle and Mr. Guidolin sang "Wanting You", accompanied by Patricia Coady.

Following the reception the bride and groom left for a motor trip to Banff, Radium and Pend Orville, Idaho. To travel the bride donned a pic and pic suit of tan and rose with brown accessories and a corsage of pink rosebuds.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Reader, Miss Grace Lynch, Miss Irene Reader, Miss Irene Giebert, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Doyle and Mrs. Sam Boyd, all of Calgary. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Conlin of Three Hills.

CROSSFIELD NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Brock Campbell was confined to her bed for a few days last week with the 'flu.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Duggan are making changes in the house they purchased next to Mrs. Bills. A new sidewalk has been built and a nice picket fence divides the front and back yards.

Mrs. Tronnes is reported as doing very well in University hospital.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Charles Fox Wednesday last, when she entertained two tables at afternoon bridge. A tasty lunch was served at 4 p.m. and the highest score went to Mrs. Fox with Mrs. Stevens second.

Mr. L. B. Beddoes is busy these days with the erection of a modern post office for our town. It will be built according to government specifications.

What promises to be a very pleasant evening is scheduled for May 20 (Tuesday) at 8 o'clock, will be the pianoforte recital, jointly programmed by the pupils of Miss Eileen Robinson and Mrs. Maeve Bailey in the Community hall. There will be a silver collection to help defray expenses and everyone is welcome and an interesting time assured.

Mrs. Bud Kiernan was a surgery patient in Calgary General Hospital on May 9. Transfusions were used and Mr. Kiernan reports that she is doing very nicely

and trusts that her health will be much better.

Eleanor Borbridge, from Canadian Bank of Commerce in Calgary, is relieving in Crossfield during Ada's illness. Eleanor says it's nice to be home again.

Mr. Bill Patullo is once more at work after having had a severe attack of 'flu.

Miss Edna Jensen is home once more from Didsbury hospital, having arrived in Crossfield on Thursday, May 8.

Mrs. Mervin Stewart of Airdrie is recuperating nicely at her home after having been in hospital for surgery.

Mr. Bob Thompson of Airdrie is still in General Hospital and under close medical observation.

The CGIT, under leadership of Mrs. Banta, held a little baking sale on Saturday in Will Laut's store, and realized a sizeable profit.

The junior choir, under leadership of Mrs. Ball of United Church sang very nicely in church on Mother's Day. The senior choir sang "A Mother's Prayer."

Frank Laut was taken to hospital Saturday, May 10, with a serious eye ailment which will require surgery. Crossfielders are indeed sorry and wish him the best of luck and a quick restoration to health.

Mrs. Charney's home was chosen for a Tupperware demonstration under the auspices of the Avanti WA group, on Wednesday evening of last week.



PICTURED HERE ARE Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rau who were married in the Christian Alliance Church at a double ring ceremony recently. Mrs. Rau was Miss Cornelia Kamp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Kamp of Calgary, and Mr. Rau is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Rau of Beiseker, Alberta.

WARNING

Parents and children are hereby warned that it is an offence to ride bicycles on the sidewalks in the village. This is a very dangerous practice and the village constable is to be instructed to enforce the By-law in this regard.

By Order,
VILLAGE COUNCIL.

EDITORIALS

Good Horse Trading

Some of the old-time ability of the horse-trader was evident in the deal made by Minister of Agriculture James Gardiner to sell Canada's surplus beef to Britain. Since the foot-and-mouth disease outbreak in Saskatchewan, shipments of Canadian meat have been banned to the United States. There is no ban on shipments to Britain, however, and there is no ban on importation of New Zealand meat to the United States.

This is a three-way deal whereby the United States will buy the New Zealand production and we will fill in the gap in the sister-dominion's trade with the Mother Country.

We have another solution for this problem, which is only temporary, of disposing of our surplus meat until the U.S. market is opened up again. Last year, due to high revenues and the inability of defence industries to supply all the armaments Canada ordered, we had a large defence surplus. Why not take a hundred million dollars and buy up surplus Canadian beef and pork for shipments to Greece, South Korea, and Britain (where the current meat ration is very low)?

The good-will engendered might go further towards a solution of world problems than would the purchase of an equivalent amount of guns and ammunition.

Farming By Plane

Farming on the United States larger farms is being increasingly conducted from airplanes, according to science sources. Aircraft are being used to seed large pasture areas, rice fields and other cropland. Planes are also used to spray early growth to protect it from destructive insects and diseases.

Aerial farming is now a big business in the United States, coming into use in other areas of the world. It is estimated that some 5,000 airplanes are now used in aerial farming and that many millions of acres of land are treated by airplane annually.

One of the stimulants in the aerial farming industry has been the decrease in available farm labor. In rough and wet areas, where ground operations are difficult, aerial seeding has been particularly successful. During the winter of 1948, large areas of forests, which had been burned over the preceding fall, were re-seeded from the air. White pine seed was mixed with sawdust and the operation was carried out while snow was still on the ground.

According to the Forest Service, germination was satisfactory and these white pines are now four years old. Other programs have been carried out in different regions. In the Northeastern States, during the summer of 1949, millions of acres of forests were sprayed in an effort to eliminate the destructive gypsy moth. The effectiveness of this method is the best hope for practical control of several such pests, according to entomologists of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Thus the age of mechanical farming has now passed into the air age, which gives American farmers a new outlook on old farming problems.

Farm Population Down

Canada's farm population has declined by about 320,000 in the past 10 years, according to a report just issued by the dominion bureau of statistics following the decennial census they conducted last June. In contrast, the total population of Canada increased about 2½ million. Last June farm population numbered 2,827,732, while Canada's population totalled 14,009,429.

All provinces but British Columbia recorded a decline in farm population. The proportion of Canada's population residing on farms was 20 per cent last June, as compared to 27 per cent in 1941.

A sense of humor eases life's hard knocks, and prevents embarrassing moments when substituted for irritation.

Help For the Hungry

Extracts from address by Hon. L. B. Pearson, secretary of state for external affairs, before the annual congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada:

"When we in the west speak of improving economic and social conditions in our own countries, we think in terms of raising our standards of living. The basic problem of most of the peoples of Asia, however, does not concern the standard of living, but how to maintain life itself. Never have so many subsisted on so little. Nearly a thousand million Asians are trying to exist on a diet amounting to only 80% of the pre-war level—the level of the 'hungry East.' The daily ration in rice in some urban areas has shrunk to 5 or 6 ounces per person as compared with the normal pre-war daily consumption of 16 to 18 ounces. Since 1945 India's food production has deteriorated. In spite of 165 million people being engaged in agriculture on 170 million acres of land devoted to food crops, the people are living from 'ship to mouth'....

"I think it is true to say that the whole concept of economic and technical aid to under-developed countries and of our participation in these programmes of technical assistance would have been inconceivable as recently as in the 1930's. I think we would have decided then that for economic and practical reasons such schemes were impossible. In participating in these programmes, we have embarked upon an experiment in international relations motivated by political and moral considerations which are both new and demanding.

"The present modest rate and scale of these programmes is determined not only by our ability to make the assistance available, but also by the ability of receiving countries to absorb it and put it to best use. Our assistance must be clearly and closely related to the local needs as the local authorities see them. We can and should assist those countries in assessing their requirements and in formulating them, but the judgment as to how those requirements can best be met must be their own.

"Our participation in these programmes of technical assistance offers us a two-way bridge of co-operation with the countries of Asia. That is why it is of such vital importance that they should succeed."

It's a Long, Long Road

(From the Nanton News)

It's fashionable to sniff as soon as a new municipal councillor is elected. "The first thing he'll do is build himself a road." The implication is that a councillor has no business seeing to it that his district gets a new road or gravel laid down or improvements of any kind, especially if they should happen to be in his immediate neighborhood.

The sniffers are totally wrong, of course. We think a councillor should promptly go to work at once to secure all the benefits he can for his area. It may provoke people in another area; it may make them grumble; and best of all it may make them get cracking and take some interest in the affairs of the municipality. They may even get out and promote someone for the councillor's job. They may be irked enough to read their municipal financial reports. They might even get out to vote when the matter of new councillors come up.

We are promoting councillors who are not so pusillanimous as to put off building roads for their convenience. They are going to get a lot of abuse so they might just as well get themselves elected and get improvements for their part of the community.

Note and Comment

The effort to secure selfish advantages explains much of what is termed "politics".

The "more pay for less work" idea has a counterpart in "more profits for less goods."

Have you ever noticed how many people haven't learned to walk?

The Bible Today:

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken. — Proverbs XV: 13.

ALMOST EVERY WAR CAN BE AVOIDED

By E. H. LIDDELL HART, London, England
From "The Listener", Weekly Magazine of the British Broadcasting Corporation

My vocation has been the study of war—the exploration of its causes, conditions, course, and effects. In studying the way that wars break out, I came to see that the best hope of its prevention lies in a well-judged avoidance of the things that always tend to produce a catastrophe. In a sense, this is a negative solution—but it is a negative that paves the way for the positive. It keeps clear of the accident—causes that are apt to be fatal, and keeps the road open for eventual progress towards a better situation. Statesmen need to realize the psychological effect of getting an opponent in a corner.

The study of war has taught me that almost every war was avoidable, and that the outbreak was most often produced by statesmen losing their heads, or their patience, and putting their opponent in a position where he could not draw back without serious loss of "face". Clumsy efforts to forestall a feared aggression have too often provoked it—particularly where politically-inspired moves have jumped beyond strategic possibilities.

We must try to understand Communist-Russian mentality—not only its Marxist logic, missionary fervor, and urge for expansion of power, but its underlying fears, intense suspiciousness, and strange ignorance: all accentuated by prolonged isolation and the nature of its system. It may be difficult to fathom that mentality, but we can at least put ourselves on "the other side of the hill" and try to look at things as we should see them from that angle. It would help us to understand, for example, what the Russians may feel about American military activities in Persia, close to their vital sources of oil supply in the Caucasus, or about efforts to make Sweden join the Atlantic Alliance.

It is evident that Soviet Russia

does not want to venture on war, for if she did she would have struck before the west began to re-arm, when the going would have been easy. So the biggest risk now is that the Western Powers may say or do things likely to make the Russian Government feel that the Western Powers will take the offensive once their re-armament is complete. If the Russian Government becomes definitely convinced that such a stroke is certain to come, they will not be likely to wait for it. From that point of view there is obviously more threat in multiplying the scale of America's long-range strategic air force than in NATO's effort to build up a ground force and tactical air force for the defence of western Europe. The planned scale of this NATO force is such that it may suffice to check a Russian invasion of the west, but it is not nearly enough for an invasion of Russia. It is thus plainly defensive, not offensive, in purpose—a shield rather than a sword. An adequate covering force on the ground is a better safeguard than to depend purely on the retaliatory threat of atom-bombing. An atom-bomber is a bad policeman or frontguard. It is uncertain of stopping an invader, while liable to be mutually fatal in ultimate effects.

But the best safeguard of all is for all of us to keep cool. Indignation and exasperation are primary risks, for such emotions are all too liable to produce a fatal explosion. Nothing can be more fatal than the feeling "it's bound to come—let's get it over". War is not a way out of danger and strain. It is a way down into a pit—of unknown depth. On the other hand, tension so intense as now is almost bound to relax eventually if war is postponed long enough. That has happened often before in history, for situations change.

Voice of the People

SAFETY COUNCIL

On behalf of the president and board of directors of the Alberta Safety Council, I am very happy to pass on to you a unanimous resolution of thanks, voted at the recent annual meeting, for publicity given to activities of our organization during the past year.

The very core of our organization is safety education and the assistance you have given us in the past in getting the safety ideal to the public has been invaluable. We hope we may have your continued help.

H. STUTCHBURY,
Managing Director,
Edmonton.

TEEN AGE PROBLEM

There is too much molly-coddling of young people today. Some parents think it a disgrace to expect their children to do any honorable work, and a sin to give them direction or discipline. As most of today's teen-agers are now delinquent, I suggest they all be taken out of schools and the boys put into the army at 16 years of age and the girls in institutions until they're 21.

CHARLES M. BROWN.

BASEBALL BLUES

With the end of May snowstorms, the baseball season starts in earnest, and that's when I lose my husband and son. They just forget that I exist and spend every evening at the ball park. What can I do about it?

BASEBALL WIDOW.

BOYS OUTNUMBERED

As a footnote to your article, "Don't Go West, Girls!" I'd like to point out that on a recent survey conducted at Bellis High School it was found that of the total registered students only 38 per cent were boys. That means that for every boy there are 1.625 girls.

Holy catfish, boys! Does that mean that we're headed for the status of "bigamists"?

MALE.

Bellis, Alta.

NO BEANS IN MOSCOW

A while back it was reported that Russia's Supreme Court was trying to decide whether shelled peanuts are nuts or beans. Well, just in case that august body hasn't yet decided, I can help it out. If the goobers are Communist, then they most certainly are nuts.

O. KENDALL COOPER.

QUEEN CRITIC CHIDED

To that woman who claimed in a recent Voice column that Queen Elizabeth had no real power and was just a "balcony" ruler: Don't worry, madam. The Queen of England will make out okay, as she has brains and the British people love her. As for the Duke of Windsor and his Wally, they seem to be doing all right. What was the matter with you, anyway, ma'am? Somebody take away your marbles!

JOYCE NAHORNEY.

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When I was out visiting my mother, my sister was there with her three-year-old girl. The little girl wanted to go out and play, so her mother said, "You can go out and play, but don't touch the doggie as he has germs." Margaret Rose came into the house later with her hands all dirty, and her mother said, "Did you touch the doggie?" "Yes," she replied, "the doggie has no germs, only kitty has, so I played with doggie."

MRS. F. PHILLIPS.
Mannville, Alta.

Our two little grandsons, Bryon aged 3, and Gordie 4, were being punished one day by their Dad for having been naughty. As it happened Bryon was being spanked first, so Gordie started to cry and said, "Don't spank me, Daddy." "Crying already?"

MRS. J. A. KPPHAR.
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TCA Aids the Flax Grower

One of the major factors limiting flax production in Western Canada is the inability of this crop to compete successfully against weeds.

The introduction of 2,4-D has played an important part in solving the weed problem in flax, but 2,4-D is only effective against certain susceptible broad-leaved weeds. In many flax fields, unfortunately, controlling the broad-leaved weeds with 2,4-D merely results in a more vigorous growth of the grass weeds, such as Green Foxtail (Pigeon Grass or Wild Millet). One of the newer chemicals, TCA (Trichloroacetate) offers considerable promise for the control of Green Foxtail and certain other annual grass weeds in flax. TCA will not, however, control Wild Oats.

Effective in Flax. The recommendations of the 1951 North Central Weed Control Conference include this statement: "Three years' data have shown rather consistently that sodium and calcium TCA, at rates of 5 to 8 pounds per acre, will effectively control *Setaria* (foxtails) in flax when applied at early stages of growth, without damaging flax. Best results are obtained when applications are made before the *Setaria* and flax are three inches high."

TCA and 2,4-D. Sodium TCA and 2,4-D can be mixed and applied as a single spray. This will control susceptible broad-leaved weeds and Green Foxtail at the same time. In mixing the spray, one gallon of water per pound of TCA is desirable. This may mean an increase in gallonage of water applied per acre over that normally used with 2,4-D alone.

Soil Moisture Important. TCA acts on the roots of the grass plants. Therefore, it is necessary for the spray to move downward in the soil to the depth of the grass roots. If the soil is very dry, little of the TCA may reach the roots. The treatment, as a result, is not likely to be effective. On the other hand, heavy rains, immediately following treatment, are likely to wash the TCA below the root zone, again with disappointing results. Thus, soil with good moisture content, plus the prospects of good weather for a few days, would seem important to successful treatment with TCA.

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Good Answer

A small child was explaining to her younger brother that it was wrong to work on Sunday.

"But what about policemen?" said the boy. "They have to work on Sunday. Don't they go to heaven?"

"Of course not," replied his sister. "They're not needed there."

It Won't Work

The doctor went over his new patient thoroughly, found nothing organically wrong with the man, just a bad case of chronic nervousness. "Well, sir, I'm going to advise just one thing," he said, "get busy and bury yourself in your work!"

"I can't," sadly answered the man. "At least, I don't want to."

"Why not?" snapped the doctor.

"I'm a gravedigger."

Absent-Minded

The absent-minded professor who had been attending a lecture all the evening, returned home very late and was rather muddled. On entering his bedroom, he

thought he heard someone move under the bed.

"Who's under there?" he called out.

"No one," replied the burglar. "Funny," replied the professor; "I could have sworn I heard someone there. Good night."

Sharp Hint

Mr. Spriggins (gently): "My dear, a man was shot at by a burglar, and his life was saved by a button on his coat which the bullet struck."

Mrs. Spriggins: "Well, what of it?"

"Nothing, only the button must have been on."

A Return Visit

The big-game hunter was showing his trophies to a guest. He pointed proudly to the wonderful collection of heads around the wall and the tiger skins on the floor.

"Very interesting," muttered the guest, peering at them through his spectacles. "Perhaps you'll drop in some evening and see my butterflies."

ITICAL SEERS SUGGEST JUNE 26. ALBERTA ELECTION DATE

EDMONTON, (BUP) — The political pot started simmering in Alberta with a new election date being forecast.

The date, June 26, was being circulated as the day the Social Credit Government may hold an election. August was previously the most-favored month.

Political activities began to pick up momentum along with the "election day" derby.

The Social Credit Party lined up nominating conventions in four ridings while the Government maintained silence on the possible day for the voting. The conventions dates are, for Lac Ste. Anne riding, April 23; Willingdon, May 3; Calgary, May 9; and Pembina, May 15.

The Liberals scheduled conventions for Pincher Creek-Crow's Nest April 24; Okotoks-High River, April 25; Macleod, April 26; Little Bow, April 28, and Grande Prairie, April 30.

CCF PICKS ROBERTS

The CCF named their 11th candidate recently, when 37-year-old William Roberts got the nod to carry party colors in the Pembina riding. He is a native farmer of the district and an ex-soldier.

The Liberals have nominated 12 candidates and Social Credit two.

There was speculation regarding what would happen in the Lac Ste. Anne riding when the Social Credit convention was held Wednesday.

V. Bourcier, who won the riding for the Government in 1948, later was shunted to Opposi-

My Favorite Recipe

ORANGE CAKE

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 egg
- 1 cup sour milk
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 2 cups flour
- pinch salt
- 1 grated rind of an orange
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HISTORY OF FARM ELECTRIFICATION IN ALBERTA

It is impossible to say accurately just when farm electrification first started in Alberta, but we know it was first provided by small individual lighting plants. While there have been a number of makes on the market, we believe the early pioneering was done with Delco light plants. Over 30 years ago, salesmen hauled Delco and other lighting plants all over Alberta in their cars to make demonstrations at farms and cross-road stores.

There is still a definite place in farm electrification for individual isolated plants today. Many farms in Alberta are so situated that it is virtually impossible, or at least not economically feasible, to bring central station service to them. Here consideration must be given not only to the prohibitive first cost of long lines, but also to the high maintenance costs and depreciation charges. This would make the rate for power so expensive that most farmers could not afford to use the service.

Small lighting plants, supplemented wherever possible with wind chargers, will provide quite economical service for lighting and the operation of household appliances. Many of them are still being installed every year.

Until about 25 years ago most cities, towns and villages where electric service was available received their service from local plants. There were relatively few transmission lines and consequently any farmer wishing electric service had either to build a line himself from a city, town or village, if he lived near one, or obtain his service by means of his own generating plant.

In many of the towns and villages service was provided only on a part-time basis. The majority of them had service during the evening hours from dusk until 12 or 1 o'clock at night. In some of the towns service was also provided on Monday mornings for washing and Tuesday afternoons for ironing. However, it was some kind of service and very much appreciated, though only relatively few people had electric washing machines or electric irons.

Without vision there can be no progress. Power company engineers had a vision of providing central station electric service for as much of Alberta as possible. Their vision included the possibility of farm electrification.

In 1926 Calgary Power started to branch out to rural Alberta from Calgary, where it supplied a good part of the city's electric needs from plants on the Bow River. The first of such lines was constructed from Calgary to High River. In 1927 this line was extended towards Lethbridge and between then and 1931 lines were constructed which covered Alberta from Milk River in the south to Westlock in the north, with lateral lines east to Macklin, Sask; Wainwright, Bassano, Taber, west to Pincher Creek and later to Rocky Mountain House and Nordegg.

With transmission lines spread almost completely over the more thickly populated areas of Alberta, it was thought that farm electrification would develop quite rapidly. With this thought in mind, Calgary Power constructed the first comprehensive farm electrification area in the province. This was in the vicinity of the Vulcan, Ensign and Brant area. The experiment proved to be a failure. At least, the enthusiasm of the farmers supplied was much less than was expected.

There have been theories advanced as to why rural electrification did not develop along with, and at the same time as the original transmission lines construction. One theory was that the costs were too high, but that is not true. Many schemes to encourage farm electrification were tried and individual farmers were offered service for a total construction cost of less than \$100, but only a few accepted the offer. It is now generally felt that farmers were not ready to accept the benefits of electric service because they did not realize how electric service could increase farm production. Consumer demand, like public opinion, must lead the way.



THE PLEASANT SCENERY of a typical Alberta farmstead is made more pleasant by the appearance of power lines. Since the war, Alberta's privately owned power companies have joined forces with locally owned co-operatives to give Al-

berta farmers the lasting benefits of rural electrification. Electric power on the farms has taken drudgery out of the many farm chores that have to be done, at the cost of a few cents a day.

Over the next ten years many promotional schemes were tried to encourage farmers to take service and some did, but the majority were not electrically minded and could not be persuaded. Before the war, although Calgary Power had approximately 2,500 miles of transmission line in operation, less than 400 farmers had been persuaded to take service. The same condition extended all over Canada and especially in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

In the latter period of the war a great emphasis was laid on peak production of agricultural products. Because of the shortage of manpower for farm help, the many tasks which could be done by electrical motors and appliances became more and more apparent to an increasing number of farmers, who wished to obtain the labor-saving advantages of electric service.

In all plans for reconstruction programs after the war, farm electrification had high priority on every list. Power companies, realized this and made plans to be put into effect as soon as materials and manpower were available; but there were many problems to be faced.

In approaching the problem of farm electrification in Alberta on a wide scale, it immediately became apparent that some fact-finding investigations would have to be carried out. To do this power companies sent representatives to the United States to observe at first hand the work being carried out there by Rural Electrification Co-operative Associations. Plans and developments in other parts of Canada were also studied. From these observations and the facts revealed in various reports, it was decided a survey would have to be made to determine the extent of farm electrification which could be carried out in Alberta and that might be considered economically feasible.

In 1943 Andrew Stewart, now president of the University of Alberta, was engaged by the provincial government to make a report to the Research Council of Alberta on the possibilities of rural electrification in this province. He made a very comprehensive study of this subject with the help of members of various departments of the government, members of the engineering staffs of the power companies and others.

In conjunction with this study, it was decided by the power companies that experimental rural electrification areas should be developed in order to obtain first-hand information on what results might be obtained under conditions as they existed in Alberta. The decision to develop experimental areas was a wise one, and much necessary information was obtained. Such things as the possible scope of a long-time program, and the cost thereof, was tentatively determined. The probable number of farmers per mile of line from the sample areas was more

or less ascertained, and it was felt that in the ten-year period possibly 30,000 farms in Alberta could be electrified. The most economical type of line, the voltage, and design of other equipment was decided upon.

In the first instance a low customer contribution was collected from the farmers in the experimental areas, and the power companies retained ownership of all the lines, including the farmers' tap lines. This was done with a low first charge to the farmers in order that as large a number of farmers as possible, in the areas covered, could be induced to take the service. In adopting this method a fair over-all picture could be obtained.

After the experimental areas were completed and a study made, it appeared that the most feasible and economically sound way to carry out rural electrification in Alberta was on a co-operative basis. Under this method, farmer-owned Co-operative Associations finance and own all the lines including the farmers' tap lines and the step-down substations at the point of connection with the main transmission lines owned by the power companies, which radiate over the province from the power plants.

The soundness of the decision to adopt this method has now been conclusively proven. Today more than 140 individual Rural Electrification Co-operative Associations have been completed, bringing service to more than 14,000 farms in the province. In addition, more than 100 other associations are either being constructed or proposed for construction. The construction program to take care of these applications will demand all the material and manpower which is available for the next year or two. When these new areas are completed several thousand more farms will be electrified.

This is co-operation at its best. First of all, most of the credit should go to farmers themselves, to the government of Alberta which backs the loans of the associations and gives assistance in the forming of Co-operatives, and to the power companies which do the engineering, make the power available, and undertake the job of construction and operation of the system for the Co-operative Associations.

Farm electrification represents one of the largest and most effective jobs of co-operative effort ever carried out in the province. Considering the fact that only a handful of farmers had rural electrification in 1943, the advancement which has been made in less than ten years is really outstanding—an accomplishment which all those—the farmers, the government and the power companies—who had a part in this work, can be justly proud.

Farmers in the Co-operatives give their whole-hearted support

to the projects. This tends to reduce the cost, something which could not be achieved if the projects were carried out either by the power companies alone, or by the government alone.

Here is a brief outline of how Rural Electrification Co-operative Associations are formed:

In the very beginning a few farmers in a district start talking about the possibility of getting farm electrification in their area. This usually results in a letter or a trip to the power company. Here the committee is advised to, first of all, try and decide the boundaries of the possible area to be covered in the project. After this has been done a general meeting is called to which every farmer within the boundaries of the area is invited to attend. If the results of this meeting indicate that a sufficient number of farmers in the district are interested in getting the power then a decision may be made to form a co-operative association.

First a provisional board of directors is appointed and this provisional board should consist of not less than five people and seven is preferred. (Under the Co-operative Association Act any ten people may form an Association.) From this first general meeting volunteers are called for, to canvass and accurately locate the farms of all those who are interested in receiving electric service. Application forms for this purpose are supplied by the power company with a place provided to indicate the legal description of the land. On the back of the form there is a two-section map whereon farm buildings, where service is to be provided, can be accurately located, with the distance from road allowances and section lines indicated.

When the application forms with the necessary information marked thereon are collected and returned to the power company, maps of the area are prepared and an estimate of the probable average cost per member is made. A general meeting of all members is then called to see if the estimated cost is acceptable to the majority. If the meeting votes in favor of going ahead, a small deposit is collected from all the prospective members to signify their good intentions of taking the service. Later, a full share is collected from those who wish to pay in cash while others may pay the minimum amount, and finance the balance through the Association at 3½% interest. The individual Associations set the minimum amount which can be accepted from the members and it also sets the maximum period over which the unpaid balance may be financed.

Here the Alberta Government assists the Associations by guaranteeing repayment of a loan of up to 50% of the total estimated cost of an association's project. By having the Provincial Government guarantee the repayment of

the loan, an association may then borrow that amount of money from one of the Treasury Branches, or from a bank at the low interest rate of 3½%. This method works out very well because while some of the farmers may pay the whole amount, or more than 50% of their share, others may not wish to pay more than the minimum. However, by balancing one against the other there has been no difficulty in raising the 50% required from the Association Memberships.

From here on it is a matter of negotiation and co-operation with the power company charged with responsibility of the construction. Many of the farmers take the opportunity of working out part of their share cost in labor in the actual construction of the system.

Mr. F. J. Fitzpatrick, Supervisor of Co-operative Activities and Credit Unions, under the Department of Industries and Labor of the Alberta Government, is usually called in when the Co-operative is to be formed, and he willingly gives his assistance and advice.

After the lines have been constructed and farms connected, the final actual cost on a non-profit basis is determined. In most cases the estimated cost is somewhat higher than the actual cost and a refund to the Association is made. The reason the estimated cost is often higher than the actual cost is due to the co-operation received from the farmers and the fact that more farmers in the area take the power than is actually indicated in the first instance. When a farmer sees his neighbors getting the power he often changes his mind—with a little gentle persuasion from the Mrs.—and decides to go along with the others and get the power too.

This is a very sketchy explanation of the steps to be followed to form a Rural Electrification Co-operative Association and receive service. However, if anyone wishes to have explicit details, Calgary Power will be glad to supply the information.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The co-operative method of farm electrification now being carried out in Alberta is the best and most popular system. Under this plan the farmers who are concerned make the decisions themselves. They decide whether or not electric service is economically beneficial to them, in a free choice. Also, the farmers in co-operation with each other, and in co-operation with those who carry out the actual construction work, can and do, assist materially in keeping construction cost to a minimum.

The farmers are proud of their efforts and have a great feeling of accomplishment when a project is completed and the lights are turned on. They know that the people of the Province will have to pay for Rural Electrification in the long run, either directly or indirectly. Those who through their own initiative have achieved this goal are very jealous of their position and would not stand for an increase of rate to subsidize projects which are too costly by virtue of the fact that the service was being extended to too sparsely settled areas.

There are some people in the province who suggest that the Alberta Government take over the power companies and provide electrification to farms at no construction charge to the farmers. Let's examine the facts to see just exactly what these people mean.

To electrify all the farms in Alberta would cost somewhere about two hundred million dollars (more than double the present total provincial debt). If only 75% of the farms were to be electrified, the cost would be between one hundred and twenty-five million, and one hundred and fifty million dollars. This amount has to be paid back with interest either by way of the rates charged for power or by taxation.

It is estimated that 75% of the farms in the Province would use less than 5% of the power generated in the Province. Yet the cost of providing farm lines, trans-

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make a great deal over this little
boy, and pay very little attention
to the other one. I don't know
what to do about this. They will
ask one to spend the night with
them and not the other.

What can I do to help this situa-
tion?

Answer:
I doubt if the children's grand-

parents realize that they are mak-
ing such a difference between the
children but it should be brought
to their attention.

The person to do this is your
husband, as your in-laws will
probably pay more attention to
what he says and will not resent
his criticism as much as they
would if it came from you.

He can go about it as tactfully
as possible and make them under-
stand that such conduct will have
a bad effect on both little boys, if
the grandparents continue to show
so much partiality to one.

LOUISA.

MALE CROCHETER IN WINNIPEG WINS \$100 AND CHAMPIONSHIP

By LAURIE GRAHAM

(British United Press Staff Correspondent)

WINNIPEG, Man. — (BUP) — Frank Vollett, 43-year-
old Winnipeg policeman, holds a national crown for a hobby
most men would shudder at the thought of tackling.

Vollett, Canada's 1951 male
crochet king, says winning the
title was the biggest thrill that
ever happened to him. He took
the crown for his ecrú table-cloth
in the Canada-wide crochet con-
test of the Canadian Needlecraft
Association at Montreal, Que.

"I never thought I would win
anything like that. If I'd got an
honorable mention I would have
been more than satisfied," he said
when informed he had won the
crown and the first-place \$100
prize.

Vollett started to do crochet
work a year ago last winter when
in hospital for five weeks and
while spending four months' con-
valescence at home. "I needed
something to occupy my time. My
wife suggested I crochet and got
me started at it."

The big, likeable cop, admitted
he didn't really start his crochet
work for a hobby. "I started
knitting at first, but gave that up
because there's too many needles.
I then got started on crochet
work, liked it a lot, and now it's
become a hobby with me," he
said.

Mrs. Vollett, who guided him
through the early stages, said
there just isn't any justice, and
"I've never won a contest."

She says her husband started
crochet work with heavy string
and after completing a doily
graduated quickly to a small
tablecloth, which he worked at for
two months to finish.

Vollett's winning entry was his
fourth tablecloth and it took him
four months to finish.

He says it costs about \$15 for
thread for each tablecloth. He
has given three of them away to
relatives and believes, considering
compensation for labor, they're
worth about \$75 each.

The 13 year veteran of the
police force and his wife, who has
been crocheting for about 25
years, have a houseful of their
handiwork. Nearly all the chairs
and tables are decorated and the
couple are now working on a few
doilies and centrepieces to give
to friends and relatives for
Christmas.

Vollett, who plans to enter an-
other tablecloth in the Canadian
National Exhibition next year,
had a word of advice for inter-
ested males.

He says crocheting is a good,
interesting pastime. But he ad-
mits that an active man would
never start it. "I wouldn't have,
if I hadn't been laid up," he said.

GOOD SEED FOR THIS YEAR

By C. A. WEIR, District Supervisor, Plant Products Division,
Dominion Department of Agriculture

There are three factors that
govern the desirability of any
stock of seed. These are, its
purity as to variety, its freedom
from weed seed infestation and
its ability to grow and produce
healthy, vigorous plants in the
field. While the first two points
mentioned are highly important in
this and every year, the third
point assumes greater importance
than usual this year.

This season the germinating
ability of seed stocks is more un-
certain than has usually been the
case. Several types of damage
have occurred. Much seed suf-
fered frost damage and great
quantities of crop were cut when
immature and because of weather
conditions never did have an op-
portunity to dry and "after
ripen" thoroughly. Most of such
material was threshed with a high
moisture content and has been
stored in such a manner that it
has had no opportunity to dry.

Before it is ready to germinate
rapidly and strongly seed should
have dried in the field for a period
so that the "after ripening" pro-
cess is complete. If threshed in

the fall after a warm dry period
and otherwise undamaged, it will
usually germinate satisfactorily.
This season much seed has also
suffered from frost damage. This
will also lower the germination.
If the frost damage was severe it
may have destroyed the germina-
tion completely.

Tough or damp grain usually
will not germinate satisfactorily
until it has been dried in fairly
warm temperature.

Some helpful measures may be
taken by the grower to improve
the condition of tough seed prior
to planting. Not enough is
known about artificial drying of
seed to make recommendations ex-
cept to say that if such a method
is followed the seed should be
dried slowly at temperatures not
much above those of a hot sum-
mer's day.

Movement of the seed will help
to some extent. To shovel it over
on a mild day, and to spread it
moderately thinly in a dry gran-
ary will help reduce the moisture
content and likely help to break
the dormancy that damp or tough
seed has.

See that is very damp, or that
has been heavily frozen will prob-
ably not be satisfactory at all.

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barrassed when he said, "Sorry,
I'm not Johnny, but I'm his bro-
ther."

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An embarrassing moment:

One night my two boy friends
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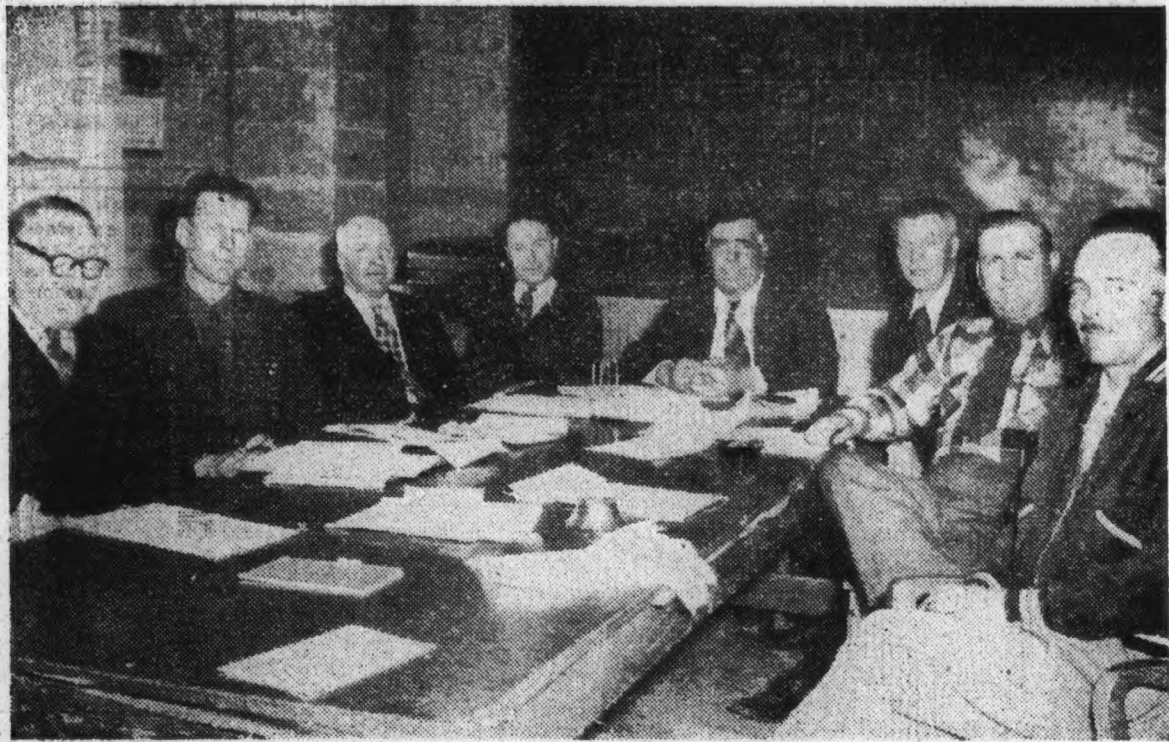
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the council are, from left to right: Councillors E. Parsons, E. Wright, V. Brekenridge, Secretary S. Ward, Reeve A. Alzio, and Councillors G. Lynk, N. Dirko, N. Doreshenko.

DREW WON'T HELP PARTY IN PROVINCIAL BATTLE

OTTAWA — If there are any Alberta Tories who hope Tory leader George Drew will sparkplug their fight for them in the next provincial election, they can just forget it. Mr. Drew just won't be available for any provincial battles.

The national Progressive Conservative leader made this abundantly clear recently to provincial P.C.'s in British Columbia. What applies to B.C. applies to the rest.

WARNED B.C.

Mr. Drew has categorically told the Pacific coast group he'll have no part of its campaign in the provincial election there this June.

They had been in Ottawa recently for the Progressive Conservative National Association meeting. They begged Mr. Drew to take an active part for them in the B.C. battle.

He turned their requests down flat.

The official reason given by Mr. Drew was that, as a national leader who has championed the rights of the province for the past 10 years, he cannot now take an active part in provincial election campaigns.

But there are supposed to be other reasons which no one close to Mr. Drew would disclose.

And so far as the national leader is concerned, what applies to B.C. applies equally well to the Alberta P.C.'s and their coming electoral battle expected some time this summer.

The Progressive Conservatives didn't take part in the last provincial election in Alberta in 1948. They put up no candidates. This time, however, they are expected to put up close to two dozen candidates. There are 57 seats at stake.

They are re-entering the provincial sphere of politics in

Alberta this time "to serve as a sound alternative" to Premier Manning's Social Credit Government.

Alberta P.C.'s here claim that the provincial Alberta Liberals have gone much farther to the "left" than have the national Liberal party, and are giving the CCF a run for their moeny when it comes to Socialistic ideas.

This means, they add, that the Alberta voter has no choice at the polls should they want to choose a free-enterprise party other than Social Credit to rule the province.

"We are going to provide the sound alternative to Manning's Government in Alberta," they say, "an alternative which has been thrown overboard by the Liberals."

Even if all the planned Progressive Conservative candidates were elected, they would not have a majority in the Alberta Legislature.

IT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN TO A DOG!

By SYLVIA WOYWITKA

A feud has developed on the farm of Wm. Woywitka between the family dog and the turkey gobbler.

It started off innocently enough. The dog was soaking up the May sun on the south side of the barn while the romantically inclined turkey was strutting around before his admiring girl friends. Just as he was goose-stepping and blowing off steam, he accidentally stepped on the sleeping dog.

The dog, wakened so rudely from his sleep, got the impression that he was being attacked. Jumping up, he snapped at the gobbler's breast and came up with a mouthful of feathers.

That was the climax! The male of the species resented being mauled while the turkey harem watched. He immediately bit back with a vicious peck at the dog and came up with a mouth of fur.

In no time at all, feathers and fur were flying around that part of the yard. This continued until the dog caught the turkey by the neck and began dragging him around and in doing so he was showing him who was who. This struggle necessitated a member of the family to step in and break it up.

As yet, the feud continues. The turkey's breast is minus feathers

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BY JOE DENNETT

THAT DEVON PORT SPREAD

By HENRY THOMPSON

The people of this family must for the time, remain anonymous, but let me assure you, readers, they are not a figment of my imagination. My interest in the family dates from three and half years ago. Their cousin, a staunch democratic Canadian, spent his early boyhood days on ground disputed by armies on Polish soil in the First Great War. He is an interesting neighbor and a good friend. I was in this man's home when he received word from his cousin. The text of which was an inquiry for any knowledge of his, the cousin's family. Plans were discussed that same evening to have his cousin come to Canada.

The family are now in Alberta. Their story, unlike many others, has a happy ending. Hardships under the iron bonds of Communist Russia is an unbelievable recession of human nature's debauchery, back to the dim ages of ancient history. A repetition of Hitler's horror prison camps, the only comparison possible to the modern Canadian mind.

Separated from his father, this family of six persons survived exile in Siberia, with all the deprivations of semi-starvation, sickness and cold, to be once again united as a family. They express deep appreciation for the Organizations that made this possible, particularly the British Government, who gave them sanctuary and befriended them, till it was possible for them to come to Canada.

General Sakorsky's deal with the Russian Government, whereby Polish soldiers were to help in the resistance against the Germans, demanded the release of any Polish people in Russian hands. The mother and her four children were moved to Persia, India and thence to the Colony of Tanganyika in Africa. The husband's movements are obscure for obvious reasons, but the re-union took place on the hot veldts of Africa. A big contrast with the deep snows of their first Siberian habitation. Their treatment and associations with those in Authority away from Russia, a much greater contrast.

Competent services of the Red Cross in bringing scattered families together, arranged a re-union some of us who may have begrudged our bit to the Red Cross funds will not appreciate the merit of this organization as do these Polish refugees. Hopeful and enthusiastic for their place in the free air of Canada, united again after all hope was gone and life itself was a burden.

They were forcibly removed from their farm home, where the family was born and raised. The eldest boy was sixteen years old. There was no word from the father who had been arrested several months before, accused of being sympathetic to democratic ideals. No one dared inquire for lost relations, to have done so meant swift reprisal. First knowledge that the father still lived, came to them in Africa.

The only act of kindness they were to receive by their Russian captors, was through a private soldier.

The officer had instructed them to leave everything as their absence would only be for a short period. This kindly private had secretly advised the mother to take all the food and clothing they could carry, as they would never see their home again. Acting on this advice was the means of saving them from starvation and much misery on the long box car trip into their bleak Siberian exile.

The horrors of that trip, with

only the food, clothing and bedding they were able to carry to the train, can not be described in these columns. Men, women and children were crowded together with no sanitary arrangements or privacy. All refuse must pass through a small hole, in the centre of the car, in full view of the doorway when opened. The sealed cars were opened at divisional points for inspection. Soldiers lined the doors with loaded guns, while examination was taking place by officials. On the latter part of the journey, workmen entered to throw out bodies of any unable to survive the ordeals of the journey.

One year with a cement bed and over a year sleeping on round poles with a lucious diet of very black bread and water, did not improve the father's health. However, in his travels since his unceremonious departure from Russia, his health improved greatly—so much so that he was able to pass our own strict requirements in this regard. Our immigration officials are pretty hard boiled and the entrance of the family was delayed some time on this account.

The two sons and the youngest daughter are at work, the other sister hopes to find work, but would like to be in the same district if possible, they are all eager to make up the lost years spent in travel to escape from communist clutches. One marvels at the come back of the human body and survival of the spirit of democracy under such excruciating circumstances. They had tiating circumstances. They had to the materialistic communist ideology to receive help from their compulsory "hosts."

The mother is working on some Devon Port Spread, done in wool beautiful cushion work, but the work is a masterpiece of artistry, to which my cumbersome vocabulary can not do justice. It is a diamond-shaped design of such exquisite blending of color that it gives one a most pleasing sense of satisfaction in its effect; none of the brilliant colors that startle your sense of beauty but rather that self-satisfying exhilaration that comes to one who observes the indescribable hues of the rainbow.

The wonder is not so much in the work itself, but the fact that through all the horrors of her experience she has retained the ability to depict the culture of her lost homeland. Every material thing, spiritual and moral fabric of a lifetime, had been so ruthlessly deprived her in the evil uprooting that has become a national tragedy for those who dare to hold to their principles.

Just a farm housewife, with none of the qualities of high education, this Polish immigrant has given expression to the very essence of democratic ideals—home life—the foundation from which all the finer qualities of strength bear their richest fruit. A strength that will ensure our triumph over the materialistic Godless concept of Russian Communism.

The History Of Farm Electrification In Alberta

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formers and so forth would equal if not exceed the cost of providing power to all other customers in all the cities, towns or villages, including industries in the province.

How could the rates charged for 5% of the power used pay for half the total cost of power in the province? It just couldn't. The farmers could not afford to use the power at the rates which would have to be charged. So—to provide farm electrification without construction charge to the farmers would mean an increase in taxes—everybody's taxes. Such has been the case in other provinces—something which is rarely mentioned.

Service to the farmers supplied by Calgary Power and other power companies is supplied at cost. The farmer does not pay any of the first cost of the transmission line from whence the service to his area originates, but because he does pay for the actual rural lines, he enjoys a low energy rate for the power he uses.

Calgary Powers' program calls for the extending of service to 3,000 farms per year over the next several years. Canadian Utilities and Northland Utilities also have projects on something about the same ratio per mile of transmission line. With the trained manpower, equipment and supplies available, this is the maximum number of farms which could be connected each year by any agency. The saturation point is far in the future and plans are laid well ahead to keep pace with the program.

During the last year Calgary Power and Farm Electric Services purchased almost 37,000 poles. This represents about 300 carloads. It also represents every pole which could be purchased from all suppliers during the year.

With the farm electrification, transmission line, and distribution system expansion program now going on all across Canada and in the United States, the suppliers of poles and many other items of materials just cannot keep up with the demand. It is the hope that this situation will soon improve.

Rural Electrification to new areas is going ahead on schedule. As time goes on more transmission lines will be built by the power companies in new locations and many of these are now in the planning stage. This will advance Farm Electrification because it will bring central station service close to areas where supplying service to such areas now, because of their remoteness from present transmission lines, would be very costly.

There is another partner in the Farm Electrification Co-operative Association plan whom we have not mentioned. It is the farmer's wife. She has been one of the most effective forces in the successful program which has been made. Not only has she been enthusiastic in supporting the forming of the associations but in many cases she has provided the good meals for the construction crews at reasonable cost.

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when the power is turned on. She then has the opportunity of obtaining all the household appliances to take much of the drudgery out of household tasks.

It is gratifying to note that recognition is given, in the farm sale market, to the investment made by farmers in getting farm electrification. Under the "Farms for Sale" heading in the newspapers it is noticeable that farms with electrification command a much higher price than those without electrification.

The difference in price is more than double the amount of money the farmers have invested in line construction costs and building wiring costs to get the power.

Farmers through Rural Electrification Co-operative Associations are accomplishing a job in a successful way which could not be accomplished as well or at as reasonable cost by any other agency—and doing it themselves without calling on the taxpayer's money for help.

Miss I. Moody Weds Mr. Albert Dodd

MORRIN—An Easter wedding, at which Rev. Stanley Hunt solemnized the marriage of Miss Inga Gustava Moody and Mr. Albert Edward Dodd of Olds, took place in Morrin on April 12 at the home of the bride's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Aune. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Aune of Morrin, and the groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dodd.

For her nuptials the bride chose a dress of royal blue transparent velvet and with it wore a hat of white feathers. As matron-of-honor, Mrs. R. J. Fairbairn attended her sister wearing a rose crepe dress and a hat of brown feathers. Best man was Mr. Archie Dodd, brother of the groom.

Mrs. E. L. Aune played the wedding music.

The reception was held immediately after the ceremony, where the bride's table was centred with a three-tiered wedding cake.

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To receive the guests, Mrs. Aune was dressed in a rose crepe dress.

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